GEMS OF THE ILLINOIS VALLEY,

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# STARVED ROCK.

STARVED ROCK, LaSalle County, Ill., (the property of Col. D. F. Hitt) near the foot of the rapids of the Illinois, is a perpendicular mass of lime and sandstone, washed by the current at its base, and elevated one hundred and fifty feet The diameter of its surface is about one hundred feet, with a slope extending to the adjoining bluff, from which it alone is accessible:

Tradition says that after the Illinois Indians had killed Pontiac, the great Indian chief of the Northern Indians made war upon them. A band of the Illinois, in attempting to escape, took shelter on this rock, which they soon made inaccessible to their enemies, and where they were closely besieged. They had secured provisions, but their only resource for water was by letting down vessels, with bark ropes, to the river. The wily besiegers contrived to come in canoes under the rock and cut off their buckets, by which means the unfortunate Illinois were starved to death. Many years after their bones were whitening on the summit.

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